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News from Ron and Jackie Cochran

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Most of the year the hillsides here in the Sonoran Desert are brown and dry, with wildfires occurring commonly. But then the monsoon season arrives, and with just a few rains, the hills start turning green and the streams start running. This year we have had abundant rains, and the burnt hillsides are now bursting with new growth. The Lord has also blessed the Bible college and seminary with new growth—a group of 15 new students. We now have 55 full-time dorm students and nine part-time town students. We are thankful for the work the Lord is doing among our young people.

When we saw the long list of prospective students, we began praying for funds to remodel the old boys' dorm, and the Lord wonderfully provided. Much work needed to be done on the building, and when we returned to Hermosillo in August, there was still a long way to go. How thankful we are for people from our church, students, and faculty who worked tirelessly to get the dorm ready to hold all the male dorm students! Special thanks goes out to Ivan Villalobos and his wife Lizzy (our son-in-law and daughter), who tirelessly organized, encouraged, sewed and hung curtains, laid floors, cleaned, and painted alongside the students and other workers.

In our last letter we mentioned that with the increase of technology and online classes, we have prayerfully concluded that the best use of donated funds for construction is to remodel the other half of the property, tearing down the current structures to put in new men's dorms and offices, and to remodel the old main building for classrooms. These plans have been approved by the MGMI board of directors, and we are currently working on final details for permissions to begin construction. Please pray for wisdom, grace, provision, and workers to help this phase to continue smoothly and quickly.

During the month of July, we had the opportunity to travel to Kentucky to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. Since all of our children and grandchildren were able to travel there at the same time, we had the double blessing of a spiritually uplifting and educational experience, as well as a family reunion. We were also able to visit several churches, one of them pastored by fellow MGMI missionary/ church planter Roberto Diaz. In each church it was a blessing to see known faces and to meet new ones.

On August 2, Victor Cadena (pastor in Miguel Aleman, a town about 40 miles from Hermosillo) and his family were traveling to Hermosillo early in the morning for a doctor's visit when a car swerved into their lane and slammed into their van. The van flipped over, and Victor's two teenage sons, Caleb and Ariel, were very badly hurt. Victor, his wife Heidi, and daughter Itzel suffered a minimum of injuries. Caleb ended up with multiple fractures on his head, and Ariel's five neck vertebrae were fractured. At that time, it truly looked like Caleb was not going to make it, but God's plan was to save his life and give a testimony of His love, power, and ability to answer prayer. Please pray for the Cadena family, and especially for Caleb and Ariel, as they continue to recuperate and adjust to their changed lives.

Before the pandemic hit, IPES graduates Isaac and Chayito Luna were almost done with deputation to go to Africa. After being stranded in Baja California for several months when it shut down travel in and out of the state, they finally made their way back to Sonora, where they have been a great blessing at Emanuel Baptist Church (their sending church) as they finished up their deputation and then got vaccines, visas, tickets, and supplies. At the time of this writing, they are on their way to Ghana, Africa, where they will serve for two years with veteran missionaries Miguel and Nora Triano before heading to South Sudan. Please pray for them as they travel, that both they and their luggage will arrive safe and sound in Africa, and for the family as they adjust to a new culture, language, and climate.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the ministries here in Hermosillo, Sonora. May you experience new growth in your spiritual lives as God sends His showers of blessing your way.

In Christ in Mexico,
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